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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR AIDING AND ABETTING DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for aiding and abetting the distribution of crack cocaine.

Rodreko V. Jennings, 26, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to nine years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 28, 2005, **Jennings** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others in the possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 22, 2005, in Jackson County.

At the time of his arrest, law enforcement officers found 35 grams of crack cocaine in **Jennings'** possession, Graves said.

Jennings was originally charged in a criminal complaint that was filed in federal court on March 25, 2005. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on April 19, 2005.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O'Connor. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html